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Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Member Programs and Services

Eleven domestic violence programs operated in the state of Mississippi during fiscal year 1995-96. All of these programs were members of the state coalition. Four of the programs provided both domestic violence and sexual assault-related services; the other seven provided domestic violence services only.

Of the 11 programs that offered various domestic violence-related services, four provided specific components for special populations. These populations included those with physical disabilities and several ethnic groups, including Southeast Asians, Spanish-speaking women, and Choctaw Indians.

Exhibit 1 displays the number of member programs that provided various domestic violence services in Mississippi for fiscal year 1995-96. All member programs supplied an independently run domestic violence hotline, an on-site shelter for abused women and their children, and support programs for women and sheltered children. In addition, all programs provided community education and training for police officers, court personnel or others whose work brings them in contact with victims of domestic violence.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=11)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
11	Independently run domestic violence hotline
11	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
11	Support group for women
9	Legal advocacy program
8	Medical advocacy program
11	Specific support program for sheltered children
8	Services for non-sheltered children
10	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
10	Education programs in colleges or universities
11	Community education/speakers bureau
11	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
5	Transitional/second-stage housing
5	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
6	Other services (<i>day care, thrift shop, transportation, care for the homeless, nonresidential individual and group counseling, relationship building for couples, after-care case management, community parenting classes</i>)

The four programs that provided sexual assault services in Mississippi also provided domestic violence services and were considered to be dual programs. One of these programs only recently added a sexual assault component and did not yet offer many of the services listed in exhibit 2. However, all programs did provide one-on-one counseling to sexual assault victims and training to professionals in the community who work with those same victims.

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=4)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
3	Independently run sexual assault hotline
4	One-on-one counseling
3	Support group for adult women
0	Support group for teenage girls
0	Support group for male victims
0	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
0	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
0	Secondary support group for parents of victims
3	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
3	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
3	Legal advocacy program
3	Medical advocacy program
3	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
3	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
4	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
3	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
0	Other services

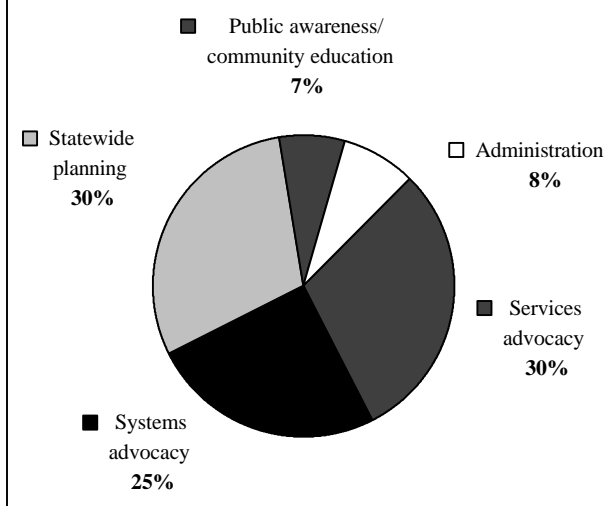
Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

The Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence dedicated similar amounts of effort to three operational areas in fiscal year 1995-96. These areas included services advocacy, statewide planning, and systems advocacy. A small portion of the coalition's time went towards educating the public about domestic violence issues and towards coalition administration. Figure 1 depicts the percentage of effort spent on each of these areas.

Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

The coalition identified two special projects that it conducted for fiscal year 1995-96. Both of these projects were designed to educate and mobilize the general public around issues of domestic violence.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations



Silent Witness Project

Description: The Silent Witness Project is a memorial dedicated to the 33 women and five children who were murdered in domestic violence situations in the state of Mississippi in 1992.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

Medical Protocol

Description: A committee was set up to develop medical protocol to assist health care providers in assessing victims of domestic violence.

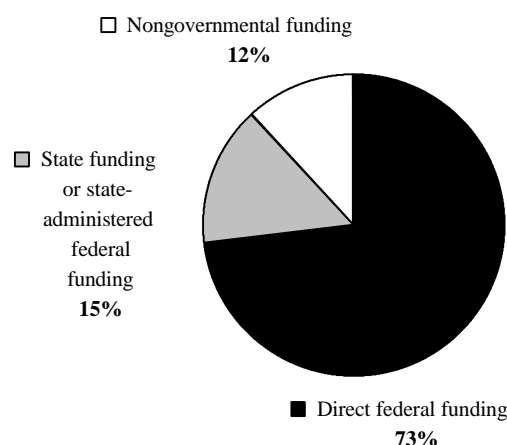
Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: State funding

Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

The total amount of funding received by the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence fell into the first quartile of all funding reported by state domestic violence coalitions in this inventory (\$70,000 or less). All of the funding received by the coalition was used to support its office administration, operating expenses and/or special projects. As figure 2 shows, almost three-fourths of the coalition's funding came directly from the federal government. The remaining one-fourth was funding administered by the Mississippi state government (15 percent) and funding from various nongovernmental sources (12 percent).

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence



Federal and State Funding

Both the federal and state funding received by the coalition came from the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (exhibit 3). The federal portion was provided by a state coalition grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, and the state portion came from a state formula grant under this same act.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Exhibit 4 shows that approximately equal amounts of nongovernmental funding came from foundation or corporate grants, private donations, and other nongovernmental sources. Donations made up these “other” nongovernmental sources. An additional 16 percent of nongovernmental funding came from general membership dues.

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	27%
Private donations	27%
General membership dues	16%
Other nongovernmental sources	30%

*Nongovernmental funding was 12% of total funding.

Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Member Programs and Services

All eight sexual assault programs that provided services in Mississippi for fiscal year 1994-95 were members of the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Five programs provided sexual assault services exclusively. The remaining three administered both sexual assault and domestic violence services.

Almost two-thirds of the coalition’s member programs had specific components for certain populations. These special populations included children, adult survivors of rape and childhood sexual abuse, college-age students, and Southeast Asians.

Exhibit 5 displays the number of member programs that provided various sexual assault services in fiscal year 1994-95.

**Exhibit 5. Number of coalition member programs (N=8)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
7	Independently run sexual assault hotline
8	One-on-one counseling
6	Support group for adult women
2	Support group for teenage girls
1	Support group for male victims
4	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
1	Secondary support groups for spouses/partners of victims
1	Secondary support groups for parents of victims
7	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
8	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
5	Legal advocacy program
5	Medical advocacy program
7	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
6	Education programs in colleges or universities
8	Community education/speakers bureau
8	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
7	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services (<i>self defense training</i>)

Three member programs of the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault offered various domestic violence services. All three programs offered some type of educational component, either within the community or training for professionals who work with victims of domestic violence. Exhibit 6 displays the number of member programs that rendered each of the various services.

**Exhibit 6. Number of coalition member programs (N=3)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
2	Independently run domestic violence hotline
2	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
2	Support group for women
2	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
2	Specific support program for sheltered children
2	Services for non-sheltered children
2	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
1	Transitional/second-stage housing
2	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
0	Other services

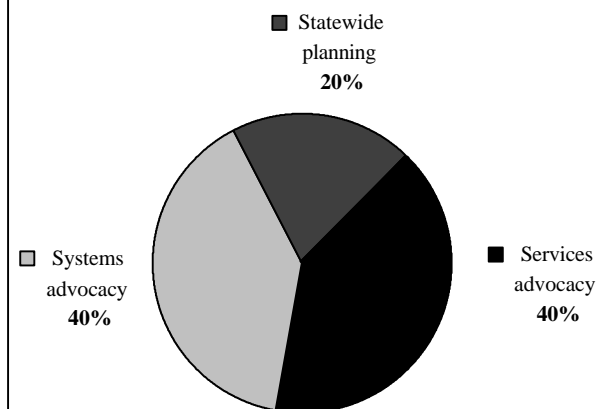
Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

One-fifth of the coalition's effort was dedicated to statewide planning throughout Mississippi. This included needs assessment and planning activities designed to document gaps in current response and prevention efforts. As figure 3 depicts, the remaining 80 percent of the coalition's time and effort was equally divided among services advocacy and systems advocacy (figure 3).

Special Projects of the Sexual Assault Coalition

The Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault conducted two special projects during fiscal year 1994-95. These projects were undertaken to enhance prevention of and response to sexual assault. One project was funded via state sources, while the other was completed due to pro bono/volunteer services.

Figure 3. Percentage of effort allocated at the sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Regional Conferences

Description: Regional conferences were held to provide training for religious ministers throughout Mississippi.

Purpose: Services advocacy

Funding source: State funding

Task Force on Forensic Medical Protocol

Description: The Task Force on Forensic Medical Protocol was established to develop protocol in forensic medicine.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Pro bono/volunteer

Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The coalition's funding for the most recently reported fiscal year fell within the first quartile of all funding reported by sexual assault coalitions in this inventory (\$7,000 or less). The coalition did not receive any funding from federal or state government sources. The coalition did not distribute any funding to member programs or other agencies. Instead, it retained the money for expenditures in future fiscal years.

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Nongovernmental sources provided 100 percent of the coalition's funding. All of the nongovernmental funding came from general membership dues (exhibit 7).

Exhibit 7. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
General membership dues	100%

*Nongovernmental funding was 100% of total funding.

Mississippi State Government Agencies

Two state government agencies in Mississippi provided funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services during fiscal year 1994-95. The fiscal year reported by the two state agencies was the same fiscal year reported by the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault (1994-95); however, the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported for fiscal year 1995-96.

**Mississippi Department of Public Safety,
Office of Justice Programs**

Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995

The Office of Justice Programs received \$892,000 in funding for fiscal year 1994-95. The money was used to fund both domestic violence and sexual assault programs; however, the office was unable to report separately on funding for each of these programs. All of the office's funding came from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and all of it was distributed to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies in Mississippi.

**Mississippi State Department of Health,
Bureau of Women's Health**

Fiscal year: October 1994 - September 1995

The Bureau of Women's Health received \$589,000 which they used to fund both domestic violence and sexual assault services in Mississippi. In total, 84 percent, or \$493,000, of the funding was distributed for domestic violence services, with the remaining 16 percent, or \$96,000 being disbursed for sexual assault services.

Money was received from federal and state sources, with the federal government providing \$286,000 in funding and the state government providing \$303,000. All of the state monies were received from marriage licenses and were distributed to local domestic violence programs. The federal monies received by the coalition came from two sources: a state formula grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and a Preventive Health Block Grant. The federal money was distributed directly to local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

**Federal and State Funding Reported by
Mississippi State Government Agencies**

The federal government provided the majority of funding received by the Mississippi state agencies that administered monies for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. While the two state agencies reported their funding sources for the same fiscal year, the months reported during those fiscal years were different. The Office of Justice Programs reported funding received for July 1994 - June 1995, and the Bureau of Women's Health reported funding received for October 1994 - September 1995. Figure 4 and exhibit 8 reflect federal and state funding received by the two state agencies during these time periods.

**Exhibit 8. Federal and state funding totals
reported by Mississippi state
agencies**

Federal	\$1,178,000
State	\$300,000
Total	\$1,481,000

**Figure 4. Percentage of federal and state
funds for domestic violence and
sexual assault services and
prevention administered by
Mississippi state agencies**

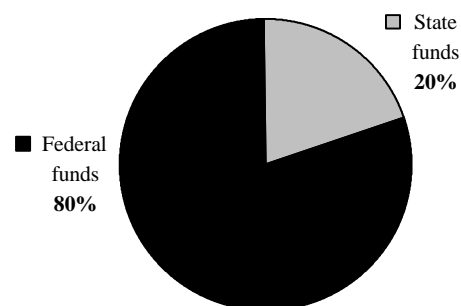
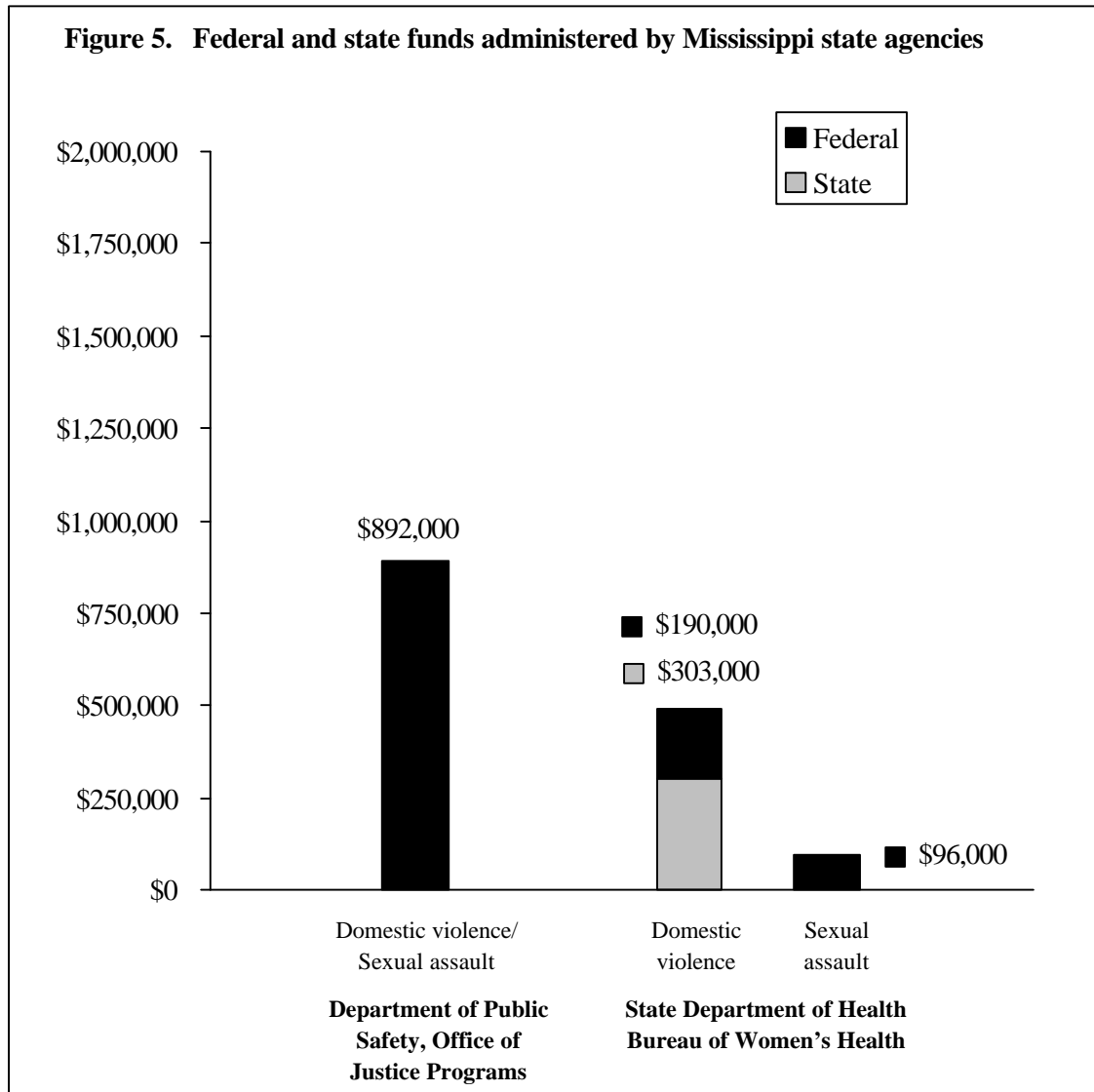


Exhibit 9 reports the sources of federal and state funding received by Mississippi state agencies. Approximately three-fourths of the federal funding came from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). An additional 17 percent of federal funding was provided the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act state formula grant; the remaining eight percent came from a Preventive Health Block Grant.

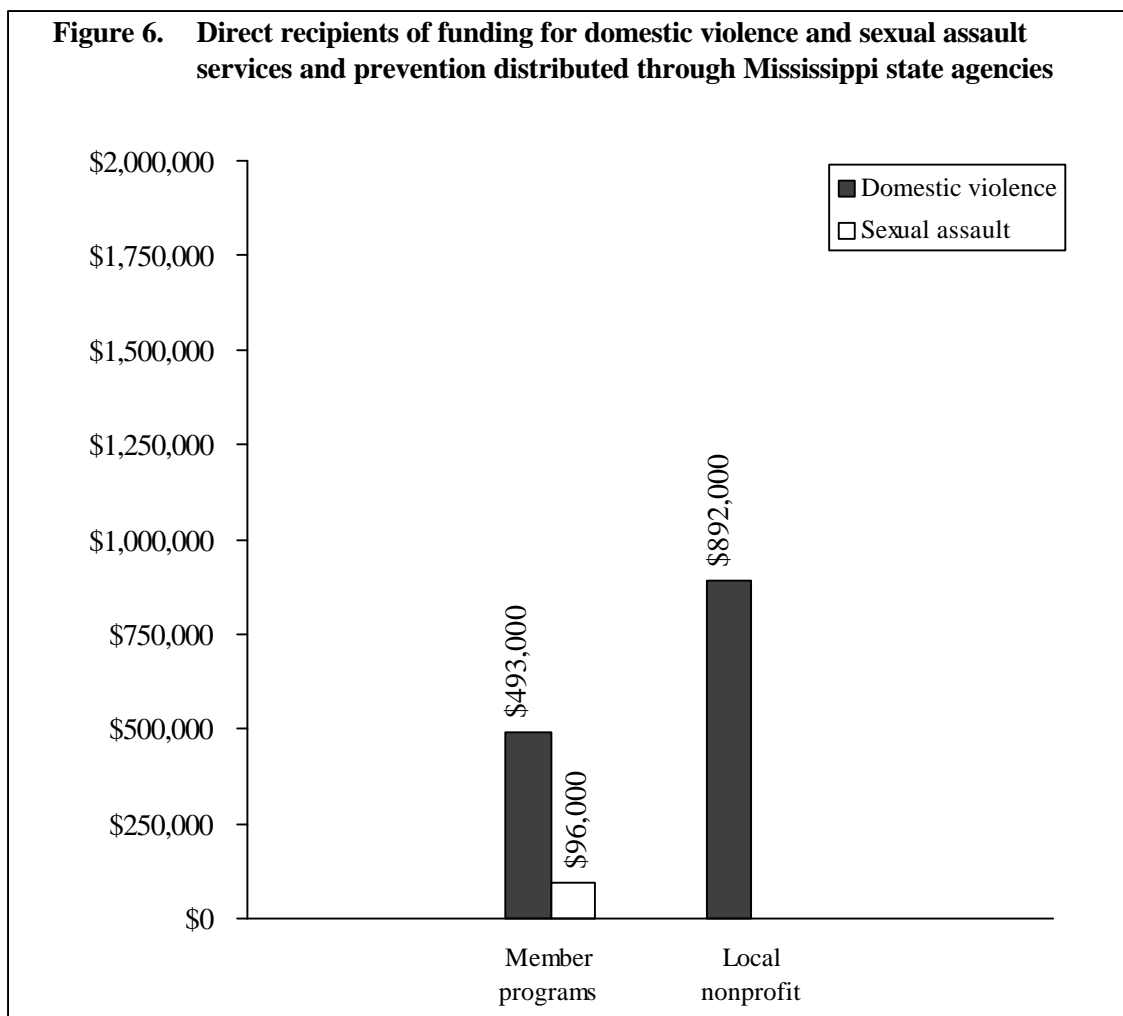
A little less than two-thirds of the state funding came from marriage license surcharges, with the balance coming from birth certificate fees (shown as “special fees or surcharges” in exhibit 10).

Exhibit 9. Sources of government funding reported by Mississippi state agencies	
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$892,000• Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$190,000• Preventive Health Block Grant - \$96,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special fees or surcharges (e.g., marriage license surcharges) - \$303,000

The Office of Justice Programs distributed federal funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services in Mississippi. The office could not report separately for domestic violence and sexual assault, so these two services are combined in figure 5. In contrast, the Bureau of Women's Health reported separately on funding for each service. As figure 5 shows, all of the state funding received by the bureau was distributed for domestic violence prevention services. Federal monies were distributed by the bureau to both domestic violence and sexual assault programs.



Two types of programs received funding from Mississippi state agencies. Member programs received approximately 40 percent of the funding distributed by the agencies. Of that funding, domestic violence programs received approximately 84 percent, with the remaining 16 percent being distributed to sexual assault programs. Local nonprofit agencies received the bulk of funding provided by the state agencies (60 percent). The Office of Justice Programs distributed the funding to local nonprofit agencies; however, the office was unable to report separately for domestic violence and sexual assault. Therefore, the bar representing local nonprofit agencies in figure 6 represents nonprofit agencies that provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services.



Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

The Office of Justice Programs funded 11 local domestic violence and sexual assault programs during fiscal year 1994-95. All 11 of these programs were members of either the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence or the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault. The Bureau of Women's Health funded a total of 18 local programs in fiscal year 1994-95. Eleven of those programs offered domestic violence services, the other 7 provided sexual assault services. All 18 programs were members of one or both state coalitions in Mississippi.